



# Pondering Ritual and the Future of Libraries

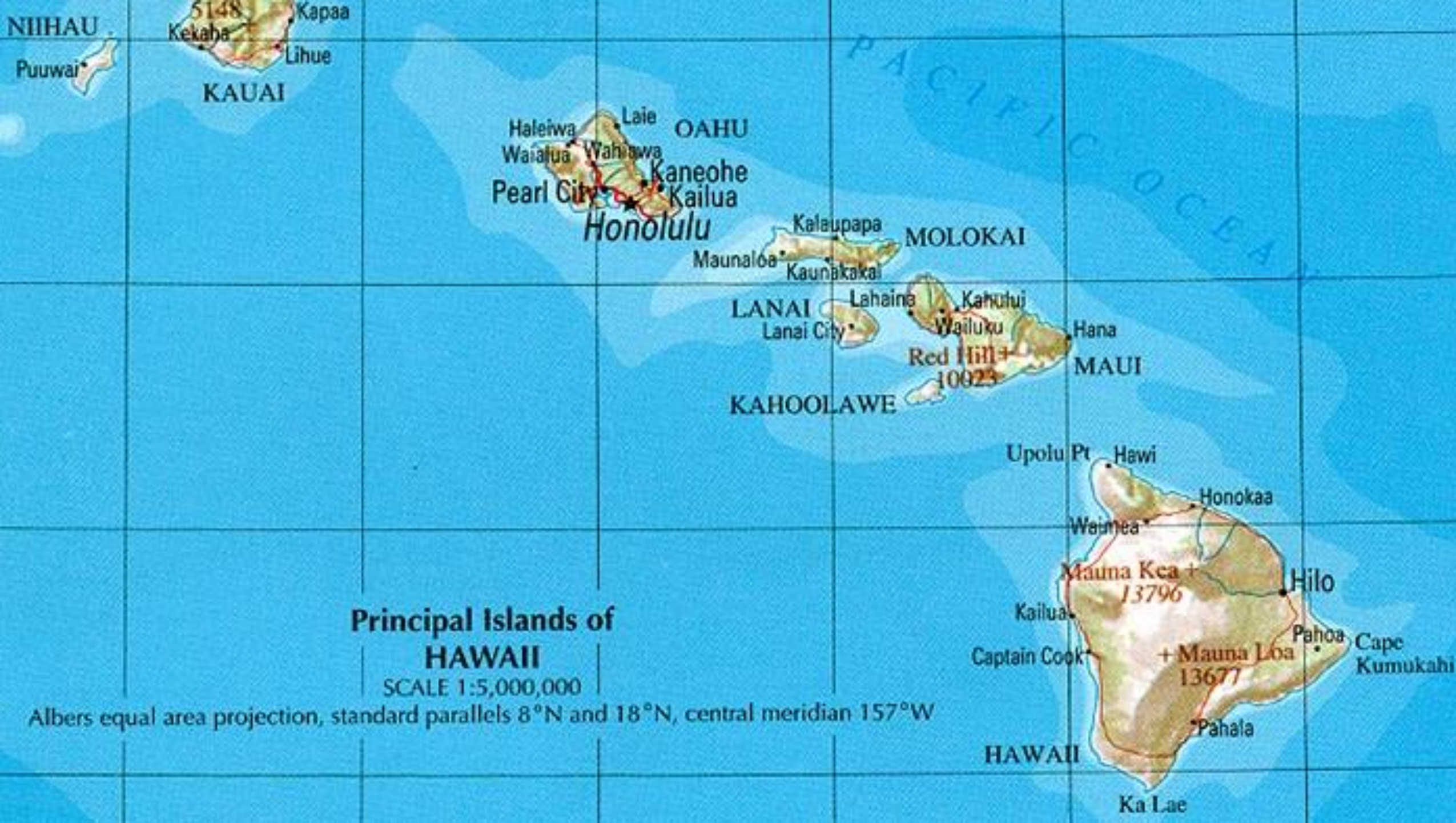
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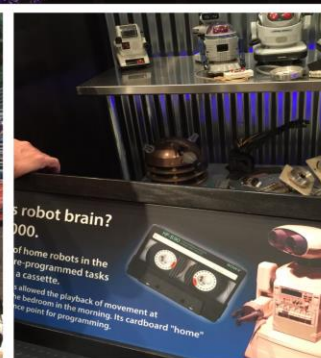
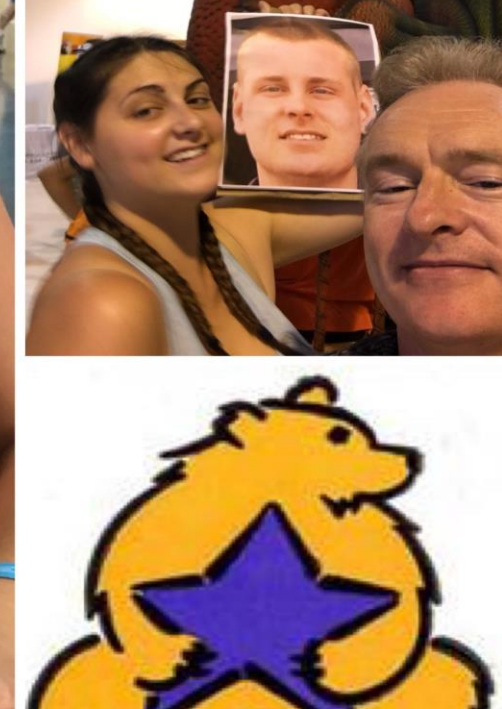
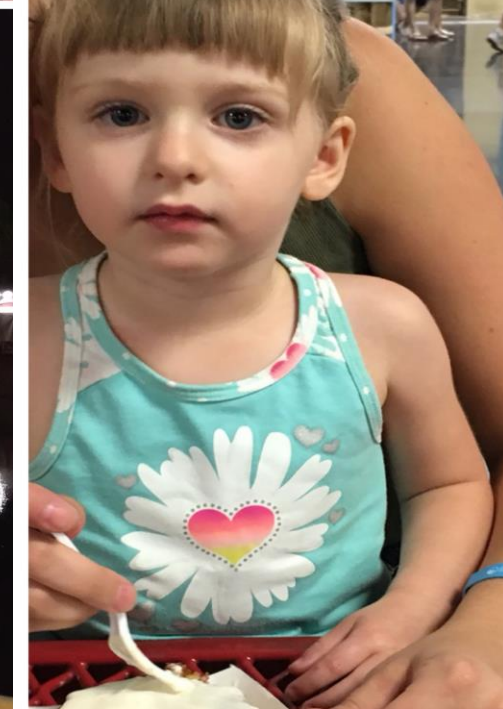
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# What is ritual?

What does it mean to how we connect or relate?

What is ritual?

What is tradition?

How do they create connections?

# RITUAL

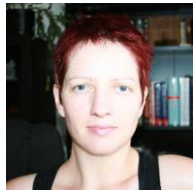


*“**Ritual** can refer to a religious or solemn ceremony involving a series of actions performed in a prescribed order. It can also refer to a series of actions or behavior habitually and consistently followed by someone.”*



*“**Ritual** is an act or a series of acts that are performed or observed in a society on occasions, events, festivals, and ceremonies. These rituals have a symbolic value and also have a religious basis”*

# TRADITION



*“**Tradition** can refer to the passing down of customs or beliefs from generation to generation. It can also refer to the custom or belief that has been passed down. And it can sometimes refer to an artistic or literary style, established by a particular artist or writer, which is then followed by others.”*



*“**Tradition** is a generic term that encompasses a wide variety of things and concepts that are handed down by one generation to another.”*





*“So, a handshake to greet others is a ritual, while the practice to honor and respect the seniors is a tradition.”*

# Rituals and Modern Society by Serge Kahili King

*“A ritual is a well-defined  
sequence of words and actions  
designed to focus attention,  
establish significance, and  
achieve a beneficial result. ”*



Why is ritual important?

# Cathy Sucker

*“Rituals play an important role in society. Rituals remind us of what is important and provide a sense of stability and continuity in our lives. You can also use rituals to work more effectively and stay focused on your goals.”*



# What are our rituals in libraries?

What rituals do our patrons have? Why?

What rituals do our staff have? Why?

Should we let go of some rituals? Which ones and why?

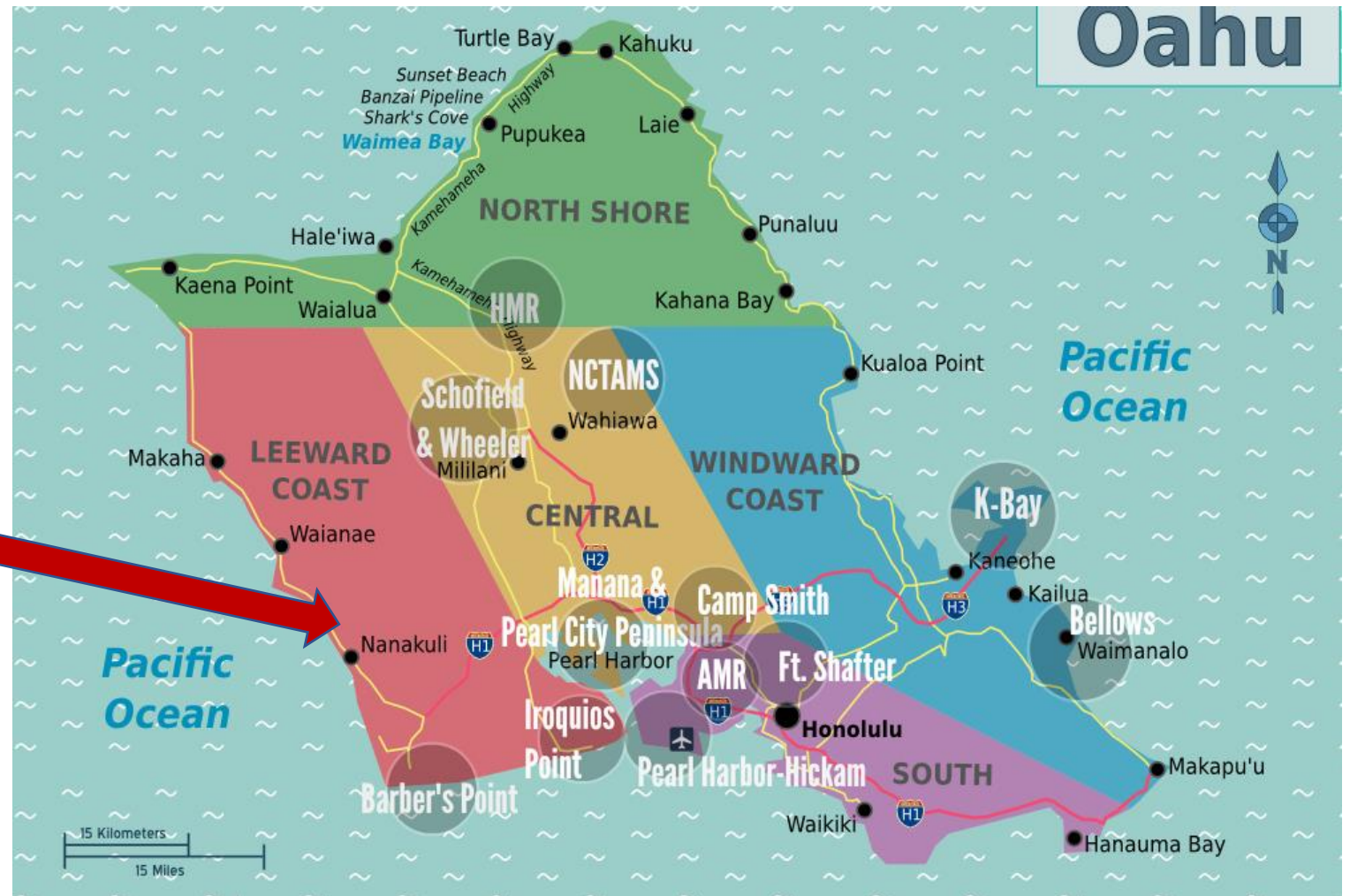
# Rituals create connections

Can we create new rituals?

Can we design rituals that build community?



Here's what  
staff did in  
Nanakuli...







# Your thoughts on Ritual?

Let's keep thinking, observing, and creating

# Mahalo!



Additional ideas?

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